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Monterey County Grand Jury
P.O. Box 414
Salinas, CA 93902

RE: Methamphetamine Response

The City of Seaside is in agreement with the findings of the Grand Jury that there is a problem in Monterey County with methamphetamine and other illegal amphetamine derivatives.

Even though it appears that those who manufacture this dangerous drug, choose remote areas of our county, we in the municipal areas are aware that we, on a smaller scale, are affected in the same way.

Recommendation:

1. Law enforcement agencies approach the methamphetamine problem as a distinct entity not related to other drug enforcement activities.

2. Law enforcement agencies be required to submit information concerning all arrests relating to methamphetamine to the press in the from of press release rather than simply indicating such incidents in the daily activities logs.

3. Law enforcement agencies develop a coordinated communications plan so that methamphetamine information can be effectively shared by all agencies.

Response:

The City of Seaside will support the coordination and communication with other law enforcement agencies to accomplish the above recommendations.
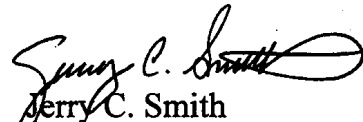
4. The Monterey County Board of Supervisors (BOS) seek the means for funding special methamphetamine abatement personnel and programs.

5. The BOS seek the means of funding environmental clean-up of legally seized, methamphetamine-related properties, and execute the resale of such properties as a means of funding increased anti-methamphetamine activities.

6. The BOS and City Councils provide funding for the purchase of meth-trained canine.

7. The BOS and City Councils provide funding for the training and placement of more meth-qualified Deputies in the field.

Response:

The City of Seaside supports and encourages the County to pursue funding for additional Sheriff s Office personnel or canine support until the costs and scope of those programs are developed and discussed.

Sincerely,

Jerry C. Smith
Mayor

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